

Regular Meeting

May 2, 2022

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council was called to order by Vice-President Edward Huber at 7:00 p.m. Vice-President Huber reminded the members and audience that the Borough Council meeting is being recorded through Zoom and will be posted to the Borough web site.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Daniel Yocum, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Borough Secretary P. Michael Coll conducted a Roll Call with the following members of Borough Council and staff present:

Vice-President Edward M. Huber	Mayor Daniel L. Yocum
Councillor Matthew J. DiNenna	
Councillor Daryl W. Littlefield	
Councillor Julie A. Munden	
Councillor Donna Rogers	Solicitor Charlotte Hunsberger
Councillor Matthew R. Sholly	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Richard M. Walczak	Police Chief Brian Newhall
Councillor Courtnee L. Wampole	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll

Absent from the meeting was Borough Council President Tracy Burke.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Regular Borough Council Meeting and the April 18, 2022 Borough Council Work Session Meeting.

A motion was made by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, and seconded by Councillor Courtnee Wampole, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Regular Borough Council Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Courtnee Wampole, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 Borough Council Work Session Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

Mayor Daniel Yocum commented that many businesses, community organizations and residents contribute to the Souderton Community with little recognition. Today marks the first day of National Small Business Week. Mayor Yocum began a program titled “Key to the Borough” to recognize those who have made notable contributions to Souderton Borough. The very first recipient is Dr. Mark Lipkin, founder of Indian Valley Dental Associates. Mayor Yocum presented the following Proclamation:

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARC LIPKIN AND HIS 40
YEAR OWNERSHIP OF INDIAN VALLEY DENTAL
ASSOCIATES

WHEREAS, Dr. Marc Lipkin has provided dental services to the Souderton Community since 1980 at the corner of East Broad Street and School Lane, later creating Indian Valley Dental Associates; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Marc Lipkin undertook a major investment in Souderton Borough to construct the Souderton Medical Arts Building at this very location which was one of the first commercial investment projects in the infancy of the Souderton Borough revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years Dr. Mac Lipkin and Indian Valley Dental Associates supported the Souderton Community in countless ways from support to local youth sports, philanthropic initiatives, and promoting the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce, Souderton-Telford Rotary Club, Montgomery Theater and the Indian Valley Boys and Girls Club.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel L. Yocum, Mayor of the Borough of Souderton award the “Key to the Borough” to Dr. Marc Lipkin and Indian Valley Dental Associates in recognition of more than 40 years of service and support to the Souderton Borough Community.

Mayor Yocum presented Dr. Mark Lipkin with the “Key to the Borough.” Dr. Lipkin noted that he is truly humbled to be recognized and commented on the history of his practice, his staff and the new ownership of the practice given his recent retirement.

Mayor Yocum expressed appreciation for a number of community cleanup projects. Boy Scout Troop 214 cleaned the Holly Hill Park. The Girl Scout Troop of Indian Valley cleaned the West Street Park and members of the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club cleaned the Front Street parking lot.

Mayor Yocum recognized Councillor Julie Munden who will be receiving her Certified Borough Official designation from the Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association at their annual conference in Hershey later this month.

Police Chief Brian Newhall summarized the April, 2022 monthly report to Borough Council. Chief Newhall reported that he will be listing the surplus vehicles for sale on Municibid this month. The old vehicles are no longer needed with the purchase of the newer vehicles.

The Borough Solicitor’s report for the month of April was distributed to Borough

Council. The Borough Solicitor is representing Souderton Borough in District Court concerning multiple code violations at 236 E. Broad Street. The Owner has complied with the Solicitor's request to obtain required permits and immediately work to rectify the violations. The case has been continued in District Court to continue to work on compliance. The Public Utility Commission has had no further action on the complaint against Northeast Pennsylvania Railroad and SEPTA concerning the storage of debris behind a property on Main Street. The railroad has indicated they will remove the debris. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the Letter of Intent and suggested a process for moving forward in light of the name change of the tenant to Brass Collar brewing Company. The Solicitor has received the signed letter of Intent and began preparing the Lease Agreement.

Public Works Director Steven Coll distributed his monthly report of public works activities to Borough Council for their review and information. Crews will be working on the monthly brush collection, leaf collection and pothole patching.

Crews have made very good progress with the installation of storm drainage in the Community Park. C & S Lawn and Landscape will complete final grading and seeding in the bottom section of the park. The new parking lot has been rough graded, storm drainage and inlets are under construction. Curbing is tentatively scheduled for the end of the month. The parking lot will be paved with a base course following the installation of curb. Councillor Courtnee Wampole questioned the time line to pave Wile Avenue. Steve Coll noted that there is still sewer work to be completed prior to paving the road.

Bennington Pool Services assisted the Borough with pressure washing the competition pool. Crews patched some loose and missing tile and repaired a number of joints. The Competition Pool is filled and the filters are running. Preparations are in progress to start up the Activity Pool. Crews will need to bring up the pool furniture and umbrellas and complete final preparation for opening on the Memorial Day weekend.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that Borough Council will hold their monthly work session on May 16, 2022. Borough offices will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022. The Borough Manager, accompanied by the Borough Solicitor and CKS Engineers, was successful in obtaining the necessary variances from the Franconia Township Zoning Hearing Board. CKS Engineers are going before the Franconia Township Planning Commission this evening to further report and review the Cherry Lane project. The Souderton Planning Commission will not be meeting on May 4th due to the absence of pending business, but they are expected to meet on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. The next Borough Council meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2022.

The Borough Manager further noted the resignation of Laura McGuigan effective the end of this week to pursue a career change. The Borough Manager expressed his

appreciation for her assistance in setting up the web site, Zoom applications, power point presentations and meeting recordings since the COVID pandemic. The Borough Manager will begin a search to fill the vacancy in the office.

Councillor Matt DiNenna reported that the contract with Celebration Fireworks has been executed. The event is scheduled in the Community Park on Sunday, June 19, 2022. This will probably be the last event in the Community Park given the installation of the new playground equipment.

Councillor Daryl Littlefield reported that the Public Outreach Committee will have a table at the May Third Fridays event on Main Street. The Committee will also be hosting office hours on Saturday, May 21st.

Councillor Courtnee Wampole reported that the Economic Development Committee obtained the signed Letter of Intent for the Freight Building and is now reviewing the formal lease agreement.

Councillor Ed Huber noted that pool membership sales are in progress, pool plastering will be deferred until the fall.

Councillor Richard Walczak reported that the Public Safety Committee and the Finance Committee will be meeting this week.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of April, 2022.

GENERAL FUND

Nucitrus	\$375.00	Verizon Wireless	\$537.30
Univest Bank and Trust Company	250,683.33	21 st Century Media	154.07
21 st Century Media	164.15	Altek Business Systems, Inc.	2,099.00
Action Target	71.31	Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	172.50
Advance Auto Parts	9.43	Banes Roofing, Inc.	314.52
Allan Myers	655.10	Bergeys, Inc.	53.00
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	151.96	Bow Wow Waste Products	263.97
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	78.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	232.83
Atlantic Tactical	994.00	Copes Garage, Inc.	655.86
Boucher & James, Inc.	1,413.74	Crystal Springs	93.88
Celebration Fireworks, Inc.	7,000.00	Davidheisers, Inc.	930.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	121.57	General Code	1,195.00
Code Inspections, Inc.	650.00	George Allen Portable Toilets	229.00
Comcast Cable	164.77	Glick Fire Equipment Co.	10.14
Copes Garage, Inc.	439.83	Hatfield Township	4,771.00
D. L. Beardsley, Ltd	56.45	Home Depot	199.75
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	1,273.65	J P Mascaro & Sons	73,103.81
DS Automotive	2,499.76	K J Door Services, Inc.	434.50
E M Kutz, Inc.	\$621.79	Landis Block Nycecrete Co	\$272.85
FP Finance Program	359.00	Lawson Products, Inc.	183.92

Fromm Electric Supply Corp.	1,216.40	McDonald Uniform Company	1,974.02
George Allen Portable Toilets	223.00	Metlife/Brighthouse/Gasb	5,927.86
Good Plumbing Heating A/C, Inc.	6.21	Montg. Co. Planning Comm.	4,772.25
Home Depot	255.28	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	5,145.05
Hoover TEC	21.23	Nationwide Trust Company	1,906.13
Independence Blue Cross	22,665.40	Nelson Wire Rope Corp.	18.38
Kenco Hydraulics, Inc.	300.00	North Penn Water Authority	52.68
Mary E. Gladwell	180.00	Nucitrus	100.00
Maryjane Yoder	167.42	NYCO Corporation	9.20
NAPA Auto Parts	29.04	Patricia Frankenfield	329.14
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	308.01	Pendergast Safety Equip Co.	101.30
North American Benefits Company	1,354.19	Police Chiefs Assoc Montg. Co.	200.00
Oldcastle Lawn & Garden	723.24	Scooters Bike Shop	138.00
PECO Energy	146.03	Scott A. Seifert	1,137.50
PPL Electric Utilities	1,700.33	Security Service Co., Inc.	449.48
PPL Electric Utilities	89.54	Something Better, Inc.	1,395.00
Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	435.28	Styer Associates	1,750.00
Standard Digital Imaging	138.02	Suburban Propane	708.14
Steven R. Coll	317.36	Telford Press Printers	449.00
Suburban Propane	469.72	TRM Telford Recycling Material	460.00
Uninvest VISA	815.95	Uninvest VISA	470.00
Uninvest VISA	151.88	Uninvest VISA	195.86
Unum Insurance Company	1,172.05		
Verizon	73.31	Total General Fund	\$414,337.62

SEWER FUND

Clemens Uniform Rental	\$47.37	Verizon	\$78.24
Comcast	138.39	Wise Electric	478.50
Delta Dental Gettysburg Benefit	399.68	A C Schultes Motor & Pump Rep	5,567.00
EPWPCOA, Inc.	45.00	Cioca Ford of Souderton	94.95
EVOQUA Water Technologies	3,496.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	142.11
FP Finance Program	359.00	EVOQUA Water Technologies	5,967.35
Home Depot	36.78	Fisher Scientific	522.64
Independence Blue Cross	4,735.23	J P Mascaro & Sons	4,073.54
Landis Block Nyccrete Company	69.54	Metlife/Brighthouse/Gasb	184.56
NAPA Auto Parts	26.36	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	311.26
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	105.92	North Penn Water Authority	97.60
North American Benefits Company	375.30	NYCO Corporation	268.20
PA Rural Water	280.00	PA DEP	3,750.00
PPL Electric Utilities	472.76	PPL Electric Utilities	13,699.58
Richard D. Nelson	485.37	S C Engineers, Inc.	5,146.00
Standard Digital Imaging	138.02	Suburban Water Testing Labs	1,657.00
Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	4,451.85	Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	7,920.60
Unum Insurance Company	269.87	Y-Pers, Inc.	276.96
USA Blue Book	300.55	Total Sewer Fund	\$66,469.08

POOL FUND

Airgas National Carbonation	\$97.01	North Penn Water Authority	\$26.96
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	89.48	Oneill and Sons	2,242.90

PECO Energy	102.44	Suburban Water Testing Labs	1,875.00
PPL Electric Utilities	407.57	Total Pool Fund	\$4,841.36

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher and James, Inc.	\$8,424.83	Lane-King of Prussia	\$1,936.00
H & K Materials	1,343.41	Marriotts Emergency Equipment	3,959.00
Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	79.08	P K Moyer & Sons, Inc.	2,700.00
Advanced Color & Grind	900.00	Phillips & Donovan Architects	4,289.73
Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	2,564.00	Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	39.15
E M Kutz, Inc.	6,998.00	TRM Telford recycling material	2,990.00
H & K Materials	1,622.18	United Rentals	1,409.20
Home Depot	193.18		
Jobsite Products, Inc.	531.75	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$39,979.51

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$830.89	PPL Electric Utilities	\$6,167.78
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A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to pay the bills for the month of April, 2022 as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Courtnee Wampole, to pay the recurring bills for the month of May, 2022 as presented. The motion was approved.

Vice-President Edward Huber opened the floor to the audience for public comment.

Niki Massey, 59 W. Chestnut Street, commented that the police were again called to the neighboring apartment building at 65 W. Chestnut Street for a violent disturbance. Souderton and Franconia Police responded to the incident. She felt that the police should have taken an initiative to arrest the residents. People need to be held accountable for their actions. Mayor Yocum noted that Borough Council is considering a Noise and Nuisance ordinance. Chief Newhall will review the police response noting that residents must call the police whenever an incident is ongoing. Vice-President Edward Huber suggested that the matter be referred to the May Work Session for further review and discussion. Borough Council will have a conversation with the Chief of Police.

There being no further public comment, Vice-President Edward Huber moved to the scheduled item of business, which is the proposed repair to the Hillside Cemetery wall.

Councillor Julie Munden provided a report on behalf of President Tracy Burke

who has been working with several masonry contractors. J & J, LLC Restoration Masonry has provided a competitive quote of \$48,900 to repair and re-point the existing wall. If secured now the work will be scheduled for the fall of this year. The project can be funded by the Hillside Cemetery Perpetual Care funds and possibly supplemented with General Fund revenue. Considerable discussion was held concerning the proposed project. After much discussion, Borough Council opted to table formal action and refer the matter back to the May Work Session for further discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary